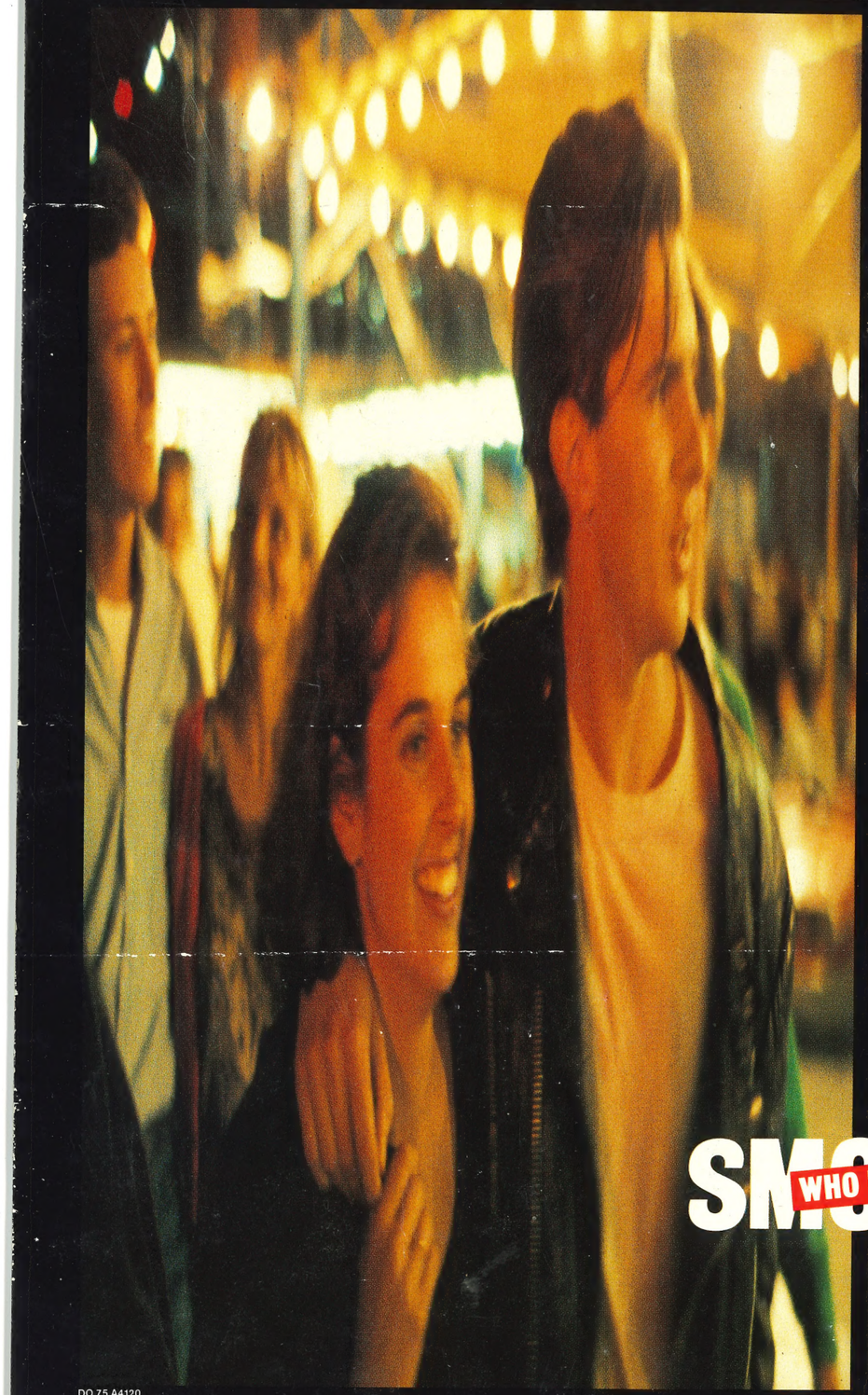

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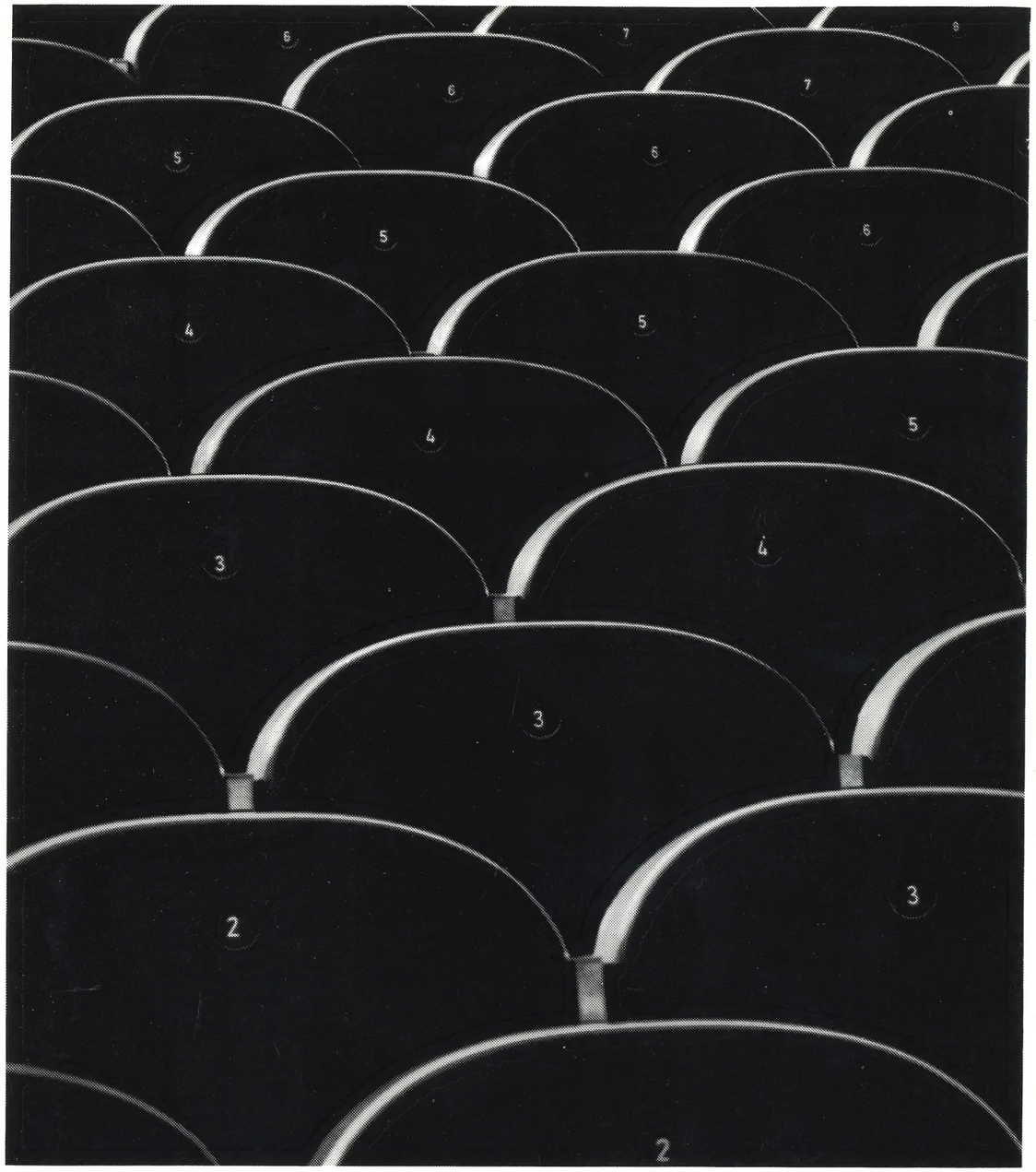

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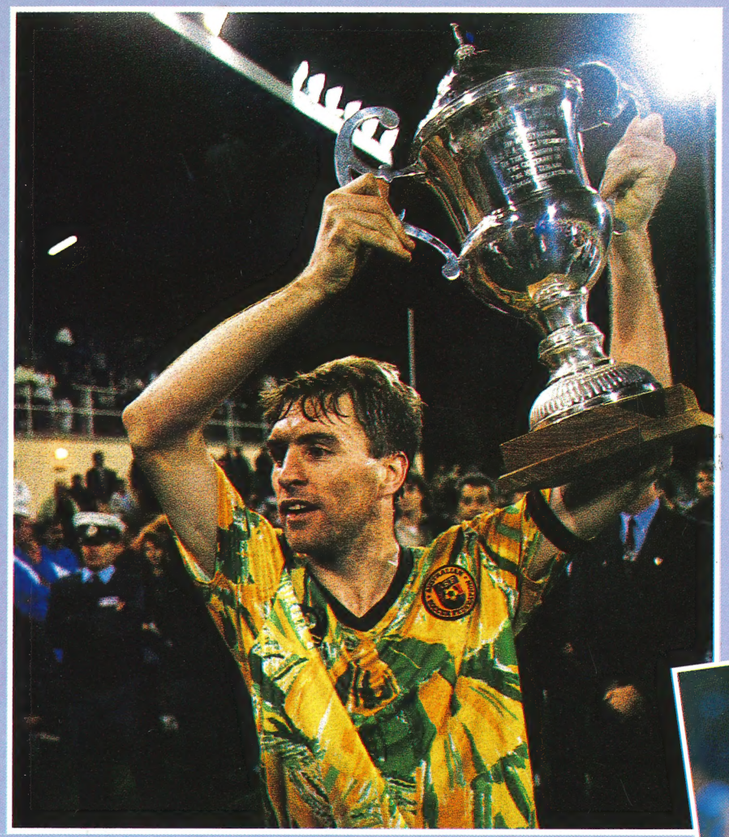


England today make their first appearance in Sydney since 1983 in a match played against Australia at the Sydney Football Stadium, which was not yet constructed during their last visit.

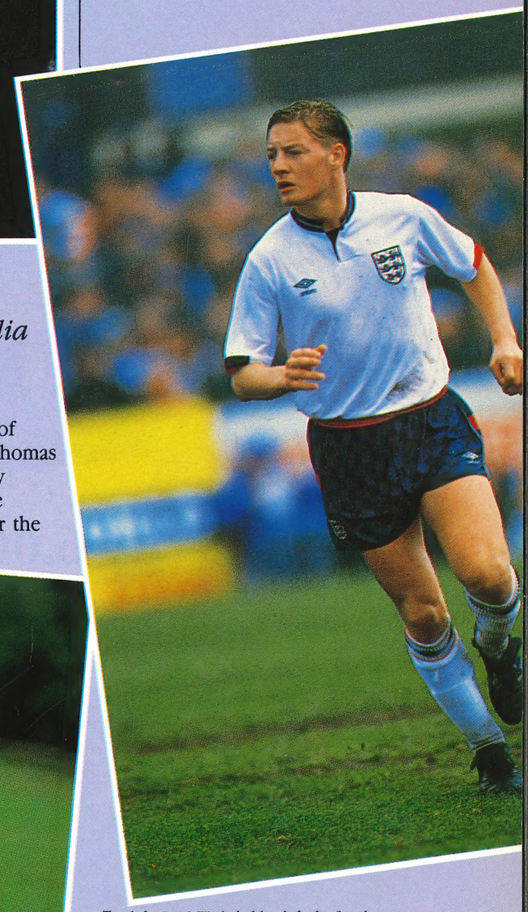
1983 was also the first year in which Australia had two coaches. This was necessary because the national coach, Les Scheinflug, was on duty with a youth team at the World Youth Championships titles in Mexico. Frank Arok was appointed to take over the coaching of the team which played three internationals against England.

The English touring party included such famous players as Shilton, Butcher, Blissett, Francis, Barnes and Neal. Under these circumstances it was most meritorious for the rebuilding of Australian soccer that the socceroos drew nil all in Sydney, lost one nil in Brisbane and drew one/one in Melbourne. The touring party captained by Gary Lineker is a combination of experienced internationals together with some of the most promising players who will no doubt carry England towards the next World Cup. Players like Denis Wise of Chelsea, Nigel Clough of Nottingham Forest and Geoff Thomas of Crystal Palace who have only played limited internationals are certainly players to be noted for the future. On the other hand Stuart Pearce, Mark Wright, Des Walker and Steve Hodge, together with captain Gary Lineker have a massive tally of full international caps.

Under the dedication, inspiration and hard work of national coach Eddie Thomson and Les Scheinflug, the socceroos are being blended under their captain Paul Wade into a power for the future. Their morale is high and they have demonstrated, this year, their playing ability in the Southern Cross Trophy Challenge with two victories against New Zealand, first in Christchurch and secondly in Adelaide.

With control of the Socceroos, the Olympic squad, the U-20 squad and the U-17 squad, Eddie Thomson is now able to build for depth towards the next World Cup challenge and today's match is yet another footstep along the route.

FIFA has already recognised this match as a full international, which is a big progression from when England and Australia first met in 1925.



Top left: *Paul Wade holds aloft the Southern Cross Trophy*
Above: *David Batty*
Left: *Graham Taylor*

Quit SMOKING WHO NEEDS IT? THE NEW DEFENSIVE

Chairman's Message

It is a great pleasure for the Australian Soccer Federation to welcome England back to our shores for the first time in almost a decade. Our congratulations to England for its success in reaching the semi-finals of Italia'90. We are very excited at the prospect of pitting our skills against such a talented and prestigious soccer nation.

In recent years Australian soccer has emerged as a force to be reckoned with and it is fitting that, with a large number of players being 'exported' to leading clubs around the world, some of the world's best sides are now coming to play against us on our own soil.

Tonight we have an opportunity to see how two new managers have put their stamps on teams which were guided for many years by other hands. In 1990 Graham Taylor took over from long-time English coach Bobby Robson while, in the same year, Eddie Thomson took over the reins from former Socceroo coach Frank Arok. We are all looking forward to seeing how the philosophies and training methods of the two new coaches will measure up to each other. I am confident that they will produce a very exciting and skilful match.

It is my pleasure also to once again acknowledge our major sponsors, the Victorian Health Promotion Foundation and their Quit program. Australian soccer is proud to be associated with this program and to promote our mutual goal of the healthy development of young Australians.

In youth lies the future of Australian soccer. Tonight's team, the Quit Socceroos, combines the invaluable experience of some seasoned players with an encouraging number of younger ones. Our younger national teams are also meeting with increasing success, with the Under 20s on their way to the FIFA/Coca Cola World Youth Championships in Portugal and the Under 17s for the Youth World Cup in Italy.

Tonight's match will give us all the taste of the tremendous future of Australian soccer, and we thank England for what will no doubt be their very challenging opposition. The stage is set at the Sydney Football Stadium for an exciting encounter. Perhaps soon Wembley will be the stage for a rematch.

John Constantine, OAM
Chairman
Australian Soccer Federation

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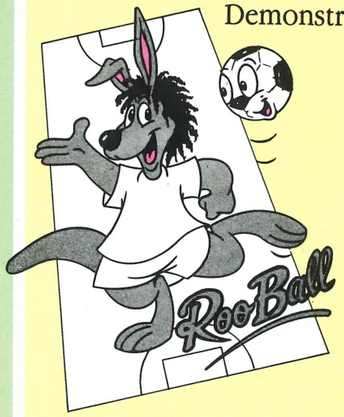


6.00pm–6.30pm

Demonstration of Roo Ball, Hosted by Craig Johnston

6.30pm–7.00pm

Golden Kangaroos Marching Band
Australian Cowgirls

7.00pm

Teams Warm Up

7.15pm

Australian Cowgirls

Quit SMOKING WHO NEEDS IT? THE DRUG OFFENSIVE

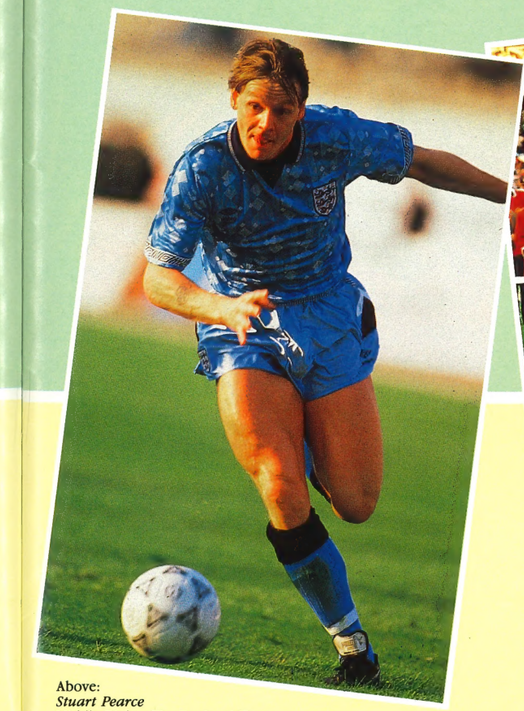
England Team Manager's Message

The full England team embarks on its first summer tour since 1985 after a season of eight international matches including four in the qualifying competition of the European Championship.

I am looking forward to playing four tour matches in Australia, New Zealand and Malaysia, and I know that the international football education of my players – whether they are established stars or relatively new to the England scene – will be furthered as a result.

On previous visits our teams have been impressed not only by the facilities but by the warmth of the welcome they have been afforded. Local Supporters will, of course, be well acquainted with English League football through the medium of television. I hope that we can pay back our hosts on the field of play with skilful and entertaining football.

Graham Taylor
England Team Manager



Above:
Stuart Pearce
Middle Right: *The England Team at the 1990 World Cup in Italy*
Right: *Des Walker*

7.25pm

VIP Introduction to the Teams

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National Anthems

7.30pm

Kick Off

8.15pm

Half-time
Golden Kangaroos

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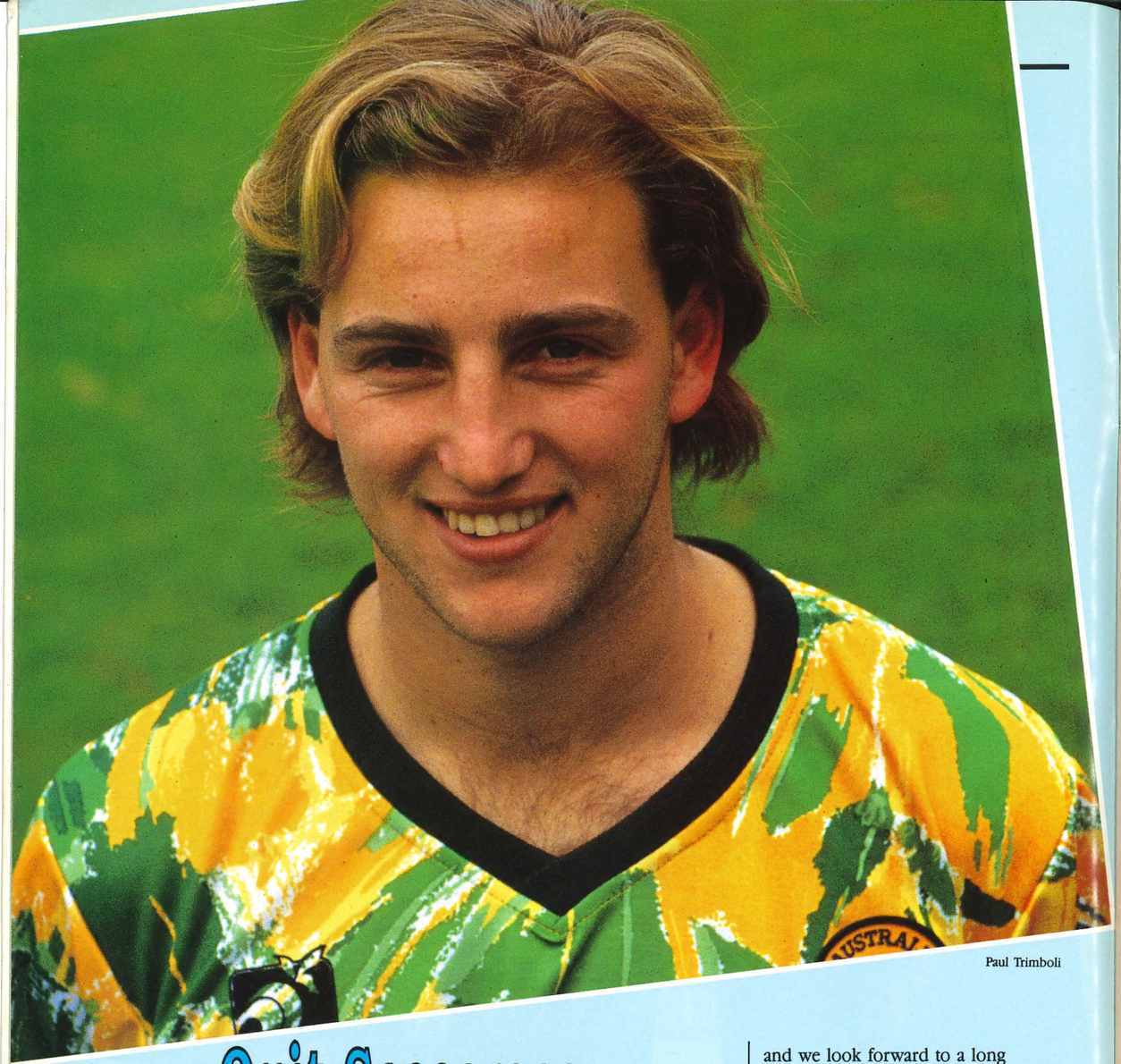

Paul Trimboli

Quit Socceroos: Non-smoking heroes

The Victorian Health Promotion Foundation, the National Campaign Against Drug Abuse and Foundation South Australia are proud to sponsor the Australian Quit Socceroos.

The Quit Socceroos provide an ideal vehicle through which to promote the non-smoking message in Australia.

VicHealth Chief Executive Officer Ms Rhonda Galbally said:

"Soccer provides us with an excellent means of promoting health throughout the community and we are thrilled to be involved with the Quit Socceroos.

"Coach Eddie Thomson and his young team have shown in recent matches that they will be a strong contender to gain a World Cup berth in 1994.

"Young players such as Paul Trimboli and Branco Milosevic are healthy, non-smoking role models who project a good image for our message.

"They are the stars of the future and we look forward to a long association with them.

"We wish the team all the best for tonight's important match against the visiting England team," Ms Galbally said.

Australian Soccer Federation Chairman Mr John Constantine said the ASF was pleased to promote the *Quit* and *Smoking Who Needs It* messages.

"The greatest single preventable cause of ill-health and death in Australia is smoking and the Quit Socceroos are committed to tackling this problem.

"We are confident that our young national team will perform credibly in the lead-up to the World Cup and so provide further opportunities to promote the non-smoking message."

Quit

Top left:
British Fervour
Above: *Scharne in action against England*
Below: *The 1986 Australian team which induded many of the 1983 squad*

England in Australia

The British, as they circumvented the globe to colonise or establish trade connections, always carried with them their sports. Amongst many, to Africa, Australasia and Argentina, they carried cricket, football codes of soccer or rugby and these developed in varying ways in each country, dependent upon their own specific lifestyles. An early example of this is the fact that many teachers from the British universities carried rugby into the schools whilst a large Irish contingent prevailed upon the formation of a new game of Australian rules which was adapted partly from rugby, partly from Gaelic football.

In the early years, soccer was played in Australia in pockets largely by the incoming migrants of that era and unfortunately did not always receive the support that it merited within the schools.

As the game progressed, a sufficient standard was reached to engage in international soccer and it might be a surprise to know that this did not take place initially against the home countries. The first Australian representative team which toured New Zealand in 1922 won one out of fourteen games. Of the International matches, two were won by New Zealand each with a score of 3-1, whilst the other was a one all draw.

As Australia progressed, in 1923 and 1924, meeting New Zealand in an International and taking a hard fought series against Canada, application was made to the Football Association for a team to tour Australia.

The Football Association team did visit the Commonwealth mainly to demonstrate the game, although a series of Internationals were played. A strong side consisted of players from the first, second and third

divisions, and included many famous players such as Tom Whittaker of Arsenal who later joined the great Herbert Chapman in the administrative and coaching side of that great team to which he eventually rose to be the manager. Equally notable were Jimmy Davidson of Sheffield Wednesday, Charles Spencer and Stan Seymour of Newcastle United and Harry Batten of Plymouth Argyle, a centre forward of note, who not only scored 49 goals for England on their undefeated tour, but also had the honour of scoring five goals in one match.

It was nine years before Australia played another international match when they had a series against New Zealand but it was not until 1937 that a team toured from the United Kingdom. The standard of the game in Australia was not considered by administrators sufficiently strong to warrant a tour by a full England team. Therefore an England amateur team toured and played three games – the first in Sydney was won by Australia 5-4, while England won in Brisbane 4 goals to nil. Australia made amends by defeating England 4-3 in the final match in Newcastle, thus winning the series. Bernard Joy of Arsenal and Will Pickering of Sheffield Wednesday were both amateurs playing first division football in England.

With the post-war development, it was considered viable for an English professional team to tour Australia in 1951. A very strong side represented England and in 21 matches played, they not only won them all but scored 157 goals against 14. Jim Sewell of Sheffield Wednesday was the top scorer with 35 goals whilst Ron Flewin of Portsmouth (captain) and Sam Bartram, the famous Charlton Athletic goalkeeper, stood out amongst the galaxy of talent. The strength of this team was demonstrated in Sydney when it beat Australia by 17 goals to nil which was the biggest margin in an International match. This result was often utilised to illustrate Australia's poor standard and therefore no professional English team set foot in Australia for the next twenty years. In 1971 the English professional team won all the nine matches they played, including two Internationals, albeit each by only one goal to nil. However, they scored 37 goals and conceded only 2.

In 1980 the Socceroos played the England B side in Birmingham,

Right:
Phil Parkes, Jimmy Connors & Alan Devonshire in Australia

England, and were defeated by one goal to nil. Although this was not a full International, the England team had a number of players who later went on to greater glory, including Bailey, Gallagher, Sunderland, Regis and Cowan. This is the only time that Australia have played England overseas.

Although 1983 started in rather disastrous terms with the loss of two matches to our perennial opponents, New Zealand, a new era in Australian soccer was established with the England series of three Test matches. The rejuvenated team was composed of Terry Greedy, Kim Wishart, Alan Davidson, Graham Jennings, Mike O'Shea, Steve O'Connor, David Ratcliffe, Charlie Yankos, Arno Bertogna, Jim Cant, Peter Katholos, Ken Murphy, Joe Watson, Peter Stone, Marshall Soper, John Kosmina, Phil O'Connor and David Mitchell. The substitutes were Gerardo Gomez, Steve Perry, Mark Jankovics and Greg Woodhouse. England brought out a formidable touring squad, consisting of Shilton, Spinks, Neal, Thomas, Statham, Wright, Butcher, Osmond, Lee, Gregory, Cowans, Williams, Pickering, Shore, Barham, Blissett, Barnes, Walsh and Francis. Three Internationals were played, the first being a milestone in Australian history when the Socceroos gained a nil all draw in Sydney. It was the first time that they had taken a point from a game played against England. In a hard-fought tussle in Brisbane, England won a very close match by one goal to nil before a then record crowd of 16,000 for that city. Walsh, the Luton Town striker, scored the only goal of the match through an excellent pass from Gregory of Queens Park Rangers. The final match in Melbourne was a 1-1 draw. It was a match of some drama for although Trevor Francis scored the goal to give England the lead, he missed a penalty kick. He put the ball in the back of the net, but the referee ruled that he had shot prematurely. Francis therefore retook the kick and put it over the bar. Australia's goal levelled the scores, conceded by Neal, normally the reliable Liverpool back, when he put the ball in his own net. However, credit must be given to Watson for his persistence, for it was his pass from the right flank which was deflected by Phil Neal.

By rising to such high standards, the Australian Socceroos proved that they are a strong and reliable team capable of facing the world's best. They certainly deserved the chance to demonstrate their skills against a full England team tonight at the Sydney Football Stadium.

AUSTRALIA

ROBERT ZABICA
Goalkeeper
Adelaide City
9 April, 1964

Played for Stirling Macedonia in Perth prior to joining Adelaide City in 1988. He represented South Australia in 1990 and 1991 and made his Australian debut in February 1990 and has now appeared on 10 International occasions.

JOHN FILAN
Goalkeeper
St. George, Sydney
8 February, 1970

Exciting young goalkeeper playing with St. George in the Quit NSL, John is the first choice 'keeper for the Australian Olympic team and has the potential to graduate to the senior team as first choice 'keeper.

NED ZELIC
Sweeper
Sydney Croatia
4 July, 1971

Represented the A.C.T. in the juniors from U/14 to U/19s. Ned has graduated to the Australian Youth Team, the Olympic team and the Socceroos.

MEHMED DURAKOVIC
Midfielder
South Melbourne
13 October, 1965

Joined his current club from Melbourne J.U.S.T. in 1989. Made his debut for the Australian International side when they played Moscow Torpedo.

ANDREW MARTH
Defender
Melbourne Croatia
10 February, 1969

Andrew was previously with Sunshine G.C. Represented his State at U/12, U/16 and in the State Youth Squad. Made his debut with the Socceroos when they met New Zealand in Christchurch recently.

ALEX TOBIN
Midfielder
Adelaide City
3 November, 1965

Represented his State at Youth level and graduated to play for the Australian Youth team. Made his first appearance for Australia in 1988 and has since appeared on 17 occasions.

ANDREW CALLANAN
Defender
Parramatta Melita
30 August, 1966

Product of Australian club juniors, he was previously with Bankstown in Sydney and played in the N.S.W. U/18s prior to being selected in the Australian squad in 1991.

AURELIO VIDMAR
Midfielder
Adelaide City
3 February, 1967

Aurelio represented Australia in 1988 and again in 1991 and has also played overseas in Italy. Now considered a regular choice.

ERNIE TAPAI
Midfielder
Adelaide City
14 February, 1969

An Australian Schoolboy International, who had a spell playing in Europe before returning to Australia to play for Sunshine G.C. and finally joining Adelaide City this season. Made his debut for Australia in 1986 and played against Gothenburg and Dynamo Zagreb in 1988.

PAUL WADE (Captain)
Midfielder
South Melbourne
20 March, 1963

Born in England, Paul arrived in Australia as an 11-year-old. Played for a number of Victorian clubs before joining South Melbourne. He first appeared for Australia in 1986 against China and has since represented his country on 55 occasions.

IAN GRAY
Midfielder
Marconi-Fairfield
22 July, 1963

Joined Marconi after having had five years with APIA-Leichhardt. Made his debut for the Socceroos in 1985 when they played Nottingham Forest. Also played in Europe and Asia for the national team.

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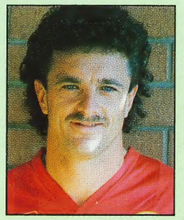
MIKE PETERSEN
Midfielder
South Melbourne
6 May, 1965

Joined South Melbourne from Brunswick Juventus in 1989 to further a career which commenced with Heidelberg United. He had a short career with Ajax Amsterdam in 1987. With over 30 appearances, he is now one of Australia's most capped players.

TONY VIDMAR
Defender
Adelaide City
4 July, 1970

Adelaide City regular who is the younger brother of Aurelio Vidmar. Tony is a member of the current Australian Olympic team and follows his brother into the senior squad after performing well in the Olympic Qualifying Series Oceania group.



GRAHAM ARNOLD
Striker
Roda JC (Holland)
3 August, 1963

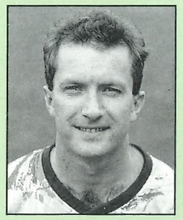
Socceroo debut v Red Star in 1985. 22 goals in 53 appearances for Australia (35 full Internationals). Highly rated striker who recently joined Dutch club Roda JC. Scored over 50 goals in five seasons with Sydney Croatia.

DAVID LOWE
Striker
Marconi-Fairfield
30 August, 1963

Joined Marconi in 1984 after starting his career in Newcastle where he made his debut in 1982. He was an Australian Youth International prior to joining the Socceroos squad.

PAUL TRIMBOLI
Striker
South Melbourne
5 February, 1969

Joined his current club from Sunshine G.C. in 1988 after having made his debut in senior soccer in 1987. Has played for Australia at U/16 and Young Socceroo level prior to being drafted into the senior squad.



GREG BROWN
Striker
Parramatta Melita
29 July, 1962

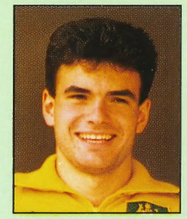
Greg graduated to Australian International level in 1991. He also had a career in New Zealand where he played for the Napier Club.

BRANKO MILOSEVIC
Midfielder
Melbourne Croatia
21 August, 1964

Branko came to Australia to join Melbourne Croatia in 1987 after playing for Olympia Osijek in Yugoslavia and U.L.M. in Germany. First International appearance was in 1990 against South Korea.

MILAN BLAGOJEVIC
Defender/ Midfielder
APIA-Leichhardt
10 August, 1970

Right-side attacking player who is in the current Olympic (U/23) team. Drafted into the senior squad after good performances against Papua-New Guinea, New Zealand and Fiji in the current Olympic Qualifying Series. Represented Australia with the Young Socceroos (U/20).

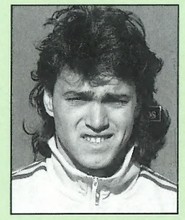


LOUIS HRISTODOULOU
Midfielder
Panathinaikos
7 August, 1967

Lou represented Australia as a member of the Young Socceroos before moving to Panathinaikos to join the Aussie connection, currently playing in the Greek 1st Division. He has played in the Australian Youth Team.

VLADO BOZINOVSKI
Right Fullback/ Midfielder
Sporting Lisbon
30 March, 1964

Currently playing in Portugal for Sporting Lisbon in the 1st Division. Has represented Australia at senior level on five occasion. Scored a goal in the memorable 4–1 win over Argentina in the 1988 Bicentennial Gold Cup at the Sydney Football Stadium. 5 Caps.



CHRIS KALANTZIS
Left Fullback/ Midfielder
Panathinaikos
27 July 1967

Plays for Panathinaikos in the Greek 1st Division. A regular Socceroo before his move to Europe, having appeared in 16 International matches for Australia. Chris also represented Australia with the Young Socceroos as an exciting left-winger. A favourite with the Sydney Olympic fans. 6 Caps

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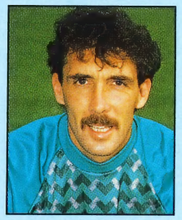
ENGLAND

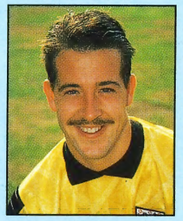
CHRIS WOODS
Goalkeeper
Glasgow Rangers
14 November, 1959

Six foot two,12 stone eight, born in Boston, Chris's career is linked with both Queens Park Rangers and Norwich prior to joining Glasgow Rangers in 1986. He had been a long term deputy to Peter Shilton and has now accumulated 20 International Caps having made his debut against the United States in 1985.



TONY COTON
Goalkeeper
Manchester City
19 September 1961

Coton joined Manchester City this year for a million pounds at the start of the season. He has been a most consistent performer and very popular with the City supporters. He played 233 games for Watford.



NIGEL MARTYN
Goalkeeper
Crystal Palace
11 August, 1966

Played 101 games for Bristol Rovers prior to joining Crystal Palace for one million pounds. Still has youth on his side to gain a number one spot. Plays with great competence.

GARY CHARLES
Fullback
Nottingham Forest
13 April, 1970

Five foot nine inches, 10 stone 13lb. Made his debut as an 18 year-old in 1988. He spent a spell on loan to Leicester City but his fine form this season has been rewarded with England honours at under 21 level. Regarded as a player with a great future.

STEWART PEARCE
Fullback
Nottingham Forest
24 April, 1962

Pearce hails from London. At 5' 10" and 12 st 9lb, he has been England's regular left back since taking over from Kenny Sansom after the 1988 European Championships. Came to Coventry City from Wealstone in 1983 and played 51 games for Coventry prior to his transfer to Nottingham. 37 Caps

TONY DORIGO
Fullback
Chelsea
31 December,

Tony was born in Melbourne, Australia, and the 5'10", 10 stone defender gained an apprenticeship to Aston Villa where he played 111 games prior to transferring to Chelsea for 475,000 pounds. He has impressed the Stamford Bridge supporters. His Caps have been limited due to the consistency of Stuart Pearce. Has now 6 Caps to his credit.

MARK WRIGHT
Centreback
Derby County
1 August, 1963

The 6'3", 12 stone defender from Dorchester first played for Oxford Utd prior to going to Southhampton where he played 170 games before being transferred to Derby County. During the World Cup he established himself as an integral member of the England team. He has great aerial prowess, speed off the mark and intelligent distribution. Has 37 Caps for England.

KEITH CURLE
Centreback
Wimbledon
14 November, 1963

The 6',11 stone 9lb from Brisol made his debut for Bristol Rovers where he had 32 appearances before going to Torquay. He returned to Bristol City and had 121 appearances before going to Reading and finally joining Wimbledon. He is now very much at home in the First Division, being strong in the air and determined in the tackle.

DES WALKER
Centreback
Nottingham Forest
26 November, 1986

Des Walker was born at Hackney in London. The 5'11", 11 stone 3lb player joined Nottingham Forest as an apprentice. His consistency is exemplified in that he has played in all of the 16 matches which England played last season. Has 32 International Caps to his credit.

PAUL PARKER
Centreback
Queens Park Rangers
4 April, 1964

Born in Essex, Paul is 5'7", 10 stone 9. He joined Fulham as full apprentice where he had 153 games before being transferred to Queens Park Rangers for 250,000 pounds in 1987. He has now 12 International Caps.

DAVID PLATT
Midfielder
Aston Villa
10 October, 1966

Born in Chadderton, the 5'10", 11 stone 12lb Platt joined Manchester United, although he did not play for the first team. Later he had 134 games with Crewe Alexander prior to moving to Aston Villa. He had a rare ability to score goals from mid field and has already scored 9 goals for his country. He is amongst the top scorers in the First Division. Graham Taylor, when manager of Aston Villa, signed him for a fee of 200,00 pounds.

STEVE HODGE
Midfielder
Nottingham Forest
25 October, 1962

The 5'7", 9 stone 12lb from Nottingham joined Forest as an apprentice where he played 123 games prior to moving to Aston Villa where he played 53 games. He then moved to Tottenham Hotspurs for a further 45 games before returning to his original club, Nottingham Forest, where he found his best form as a mid-field player and has scored goals freely. He has 24 England Caps.

DAVID BATTY
Midfielder
Leeds United
2 December, 1968

David Batty was born in Leeds and the 5'7", 10 stone 7lb player joined Leeds United as a trainee and has never left the club. He has represented England both in the Under 21 and 'B' levels. He has two International Caps.

GEOFF THOMAS
Midfielder
Crystal Palace
5 August, 1964

Geoff Thomas hails from Manchester. The 5'10", 10 stone 7lb played made his professional debut with Rochdale where he had 11 appearances. He was transferred to Crewe Alexander were he had a further 125 appearances before joining his present club, Crystal Palace. He made his debut for England against Turkey. He is also the Club Captain at Selhurst Park. He is versatile and has played in the central defence. Has three International Caps.

DENNIS WISE
Midfielder
Chelsea
15 December, 1966

Dennis was born in Kensington in London and at 5'6" and nine stone 5lb, joined Wimbledon where he played 135 games before being transferred to Chelsea. He won his U-21 and 'B' Caps while he was still with Wimbledon, but a 1.7 million transfer fee took him to Stamford Bridge. He is a regular penalty taker for Chelsea. He found his way into the full International side and has two International Caps.

NIGEL CLOUGH
Striker
Nottingham Forest
19 March 1966

Nigel was born in Sunderland and the 5'9, 11 stone 4lb player has been in Nottingham Forest for his entire career. He has established himself as one of the most intelligent strikers in the English game. He has won two Caps for his country against Chile in 1989, and now as a substitute againsty Argentina. Seems well on his way to retaining a permanent place in the England squad of Graham Taylor.

GARY LINEKER (Captain)
Striker
Tottenham Hotspurs
30 November, 1960

Gary was born in Leicester and the 5'11, 12 stone 2lb player joined Leicester City as an apprentice where he had 194 games prior to going to Everton. In a further 41 games with Everton, after a successful period in Barcelona, he returned to England to play for Tottenham Hotspurs. During his period overseas he gained a European Cup Winners medal in 1989 and last month gained an FA Cup medal when Tottenham Hotspurs beat Nottingham Forest. Has made 65 appearances for England and scored 40 goals.

IAN WRIGHT
Striker
Crystal Palace
3 November, 1963

Born in Woolwich, the 5'11", 11 stone 11lb player moved to Crystal Palace from Greenwich and since arriving at Selhurst Park has been their top scorer. He won his first Cap against Cameroon and also came on as a substitute against the Republic of Ireland against Wembley in March. Has 3 Caps for England.

MARK WALTERS
Winger
Glasgow Rangers

A gifted player with Glasgow Rangers where he has helped that club again become Scotland's number one team. He has yet to play a full International but has represented his country at 'B' level this season.

JOHN SALAKO
Winger
Crystal Palace
11 February, 1969

John hails from Nigeria. At 5'9", 11 stone he joined Crystal Palace but remained apart for a period of 13 games when he was on loan to Swansea City. He has a big talent, with a big future, and by birth could have played for Nigeria or Wales but opted to play for England. He has still to gain his first Cap.

EARL BARRETT
Centreback
Oldham Athletic
28 April, 1967

Born in Rochdale, the 5'9", 11 stone played joined Manchester City as an apprentice and later represented them in three first grade games. He was on loan to Chester for 12 games prior to joining his current club Oldham Athletic. He will play in the First Division next season. He has represented England at U-21 and 'B' levels, but has still to receive his first Cap.

DAVID HIRST
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Sheffield Wednesday
7 December, 1967

David Hirst hails from Barnsley. The 5'11" 12 stone 5 player joined his local club as an apprentice and played 28 games before being transferred to Sheffield Wednesday. He has been a great goal scorer in the Second Division and has also represented England at 'B' level. He is regarded as a player who likes to beat his opponent and get in a shot on the target.

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Sheffield Wednesday
7 February, 1968

The 6'3", 12 stone 7lb striker from Leeds joined Doncaster Rovers as an apprentice where he played 66 games before being transferred to Sheffield United. Brian is very good in the air and one of the players who helped revitalise his club after a rather dismal start to the season.

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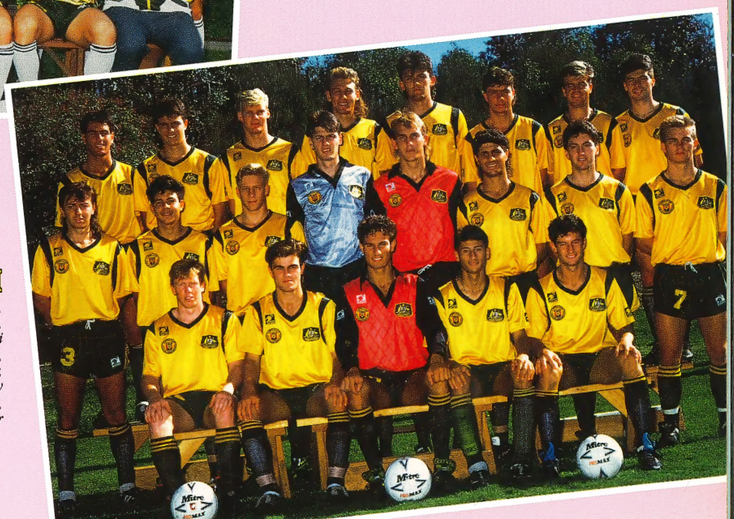

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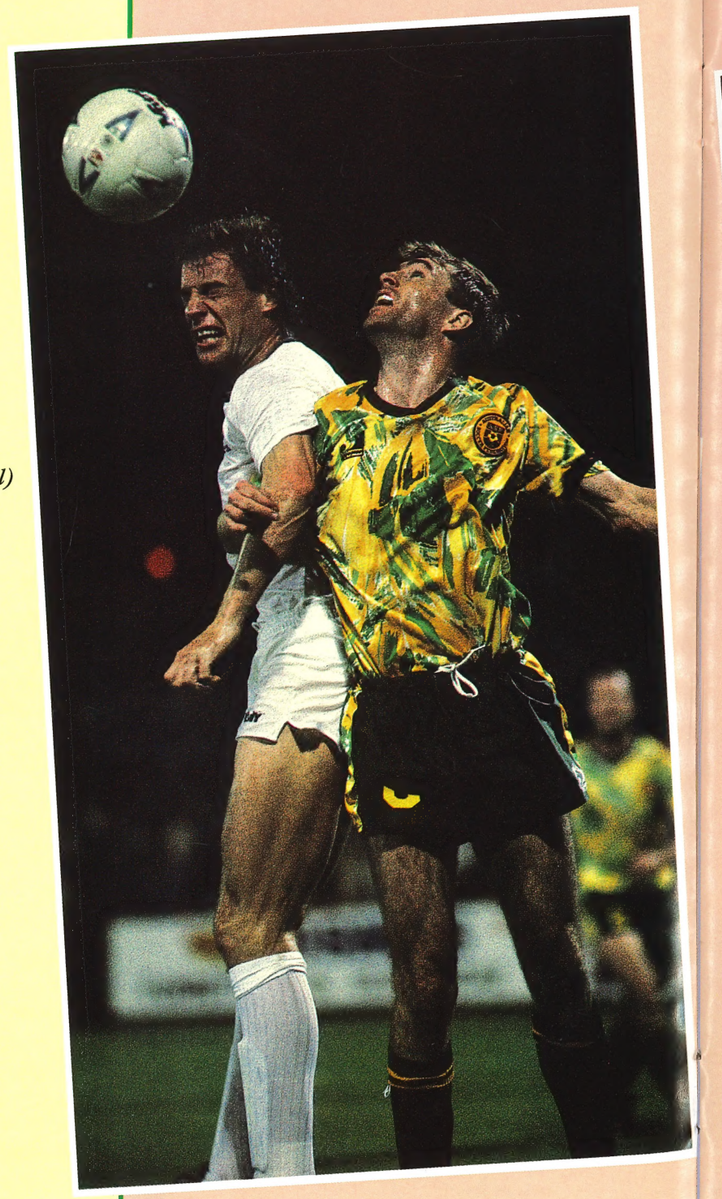

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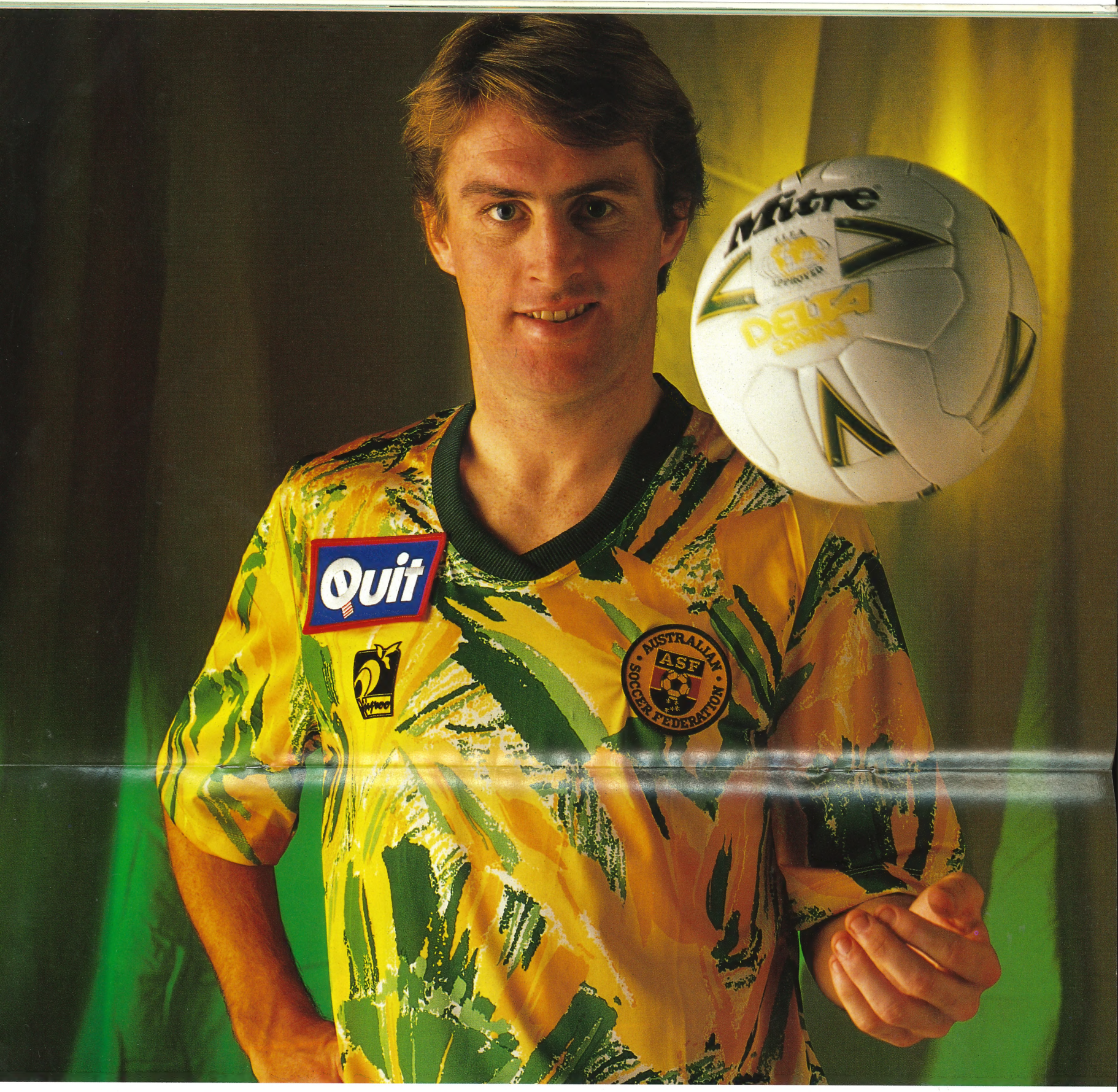

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The English Football Association Cup has in fact on one occasion left England. It travelled to Wales in 1927 when Cardiff City beat Arsenal by one goal to nil in the Cup Final.

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Wednesday, October 25, 1979 will always stand out as a red-letter day in Australian soccer when the team — by a goal in the final minutes — gained a 2–1 victory over the New York Cosmos team before a record crowd of 60,000 people. Police had estimated there were more than 100,000 people in the vicinity of the Showground and this far exceeded the organisers' anticipation by printing tickets for 43,000 people. The 18th minute goal by the Australian captain Jimmy Rooney gave the Australians a lead by one goal to nil at half time, and despite an equaliser from the Cosmos team, a goal by Tony Henderson in the dying minutes of the game gave them victory. It was declared by many people, including the Australian coach, that this was the beginning of a new era in Australian soccer.

In 1965 Australia campaigned for the first time for a place in the Finals of the World Cup. They were beaten by North Korea 6–1 and 3–1 in the two deciding matches. In 1969 a second effort depended upon them winning by two goals at home against Israel after having lost in Tel Aviv by one goal to nil. Unfortunately they could only draw one-all. However, the great day came in 1973 when, under coach Rale Rasic, the Socceroos — as the team was now known — won the Elimination Series against the South Koreans. Whilst the players of the Green and Gold failed to win a game or score a goal in the Championship they came back after having given creditable performances.

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November 19, 1938 was a red-letter day for England when they beat Ireland by seven goals to nil at Old Trafford. Willie Hall, the Tottenham Hotspurs forward, scored five goals including three in the space of three and a half minutes. Tommy Lawton and a later Sir Stanley Matthews got the other goals. Joe Mercer, a legend in his time, made his International debut in this match.

Approximately 1,000 players represent the Football League each Saturday during a season, but it is very hard to find an amateur player amongst those representing their clubs. In the immediate post-war years Bernard Joy, Dr Kevin O'Flanagan and Albert Gudmundsson as amateurs, all appeared in the Arsenal side and in one match played together against Stoke City at Highbury.

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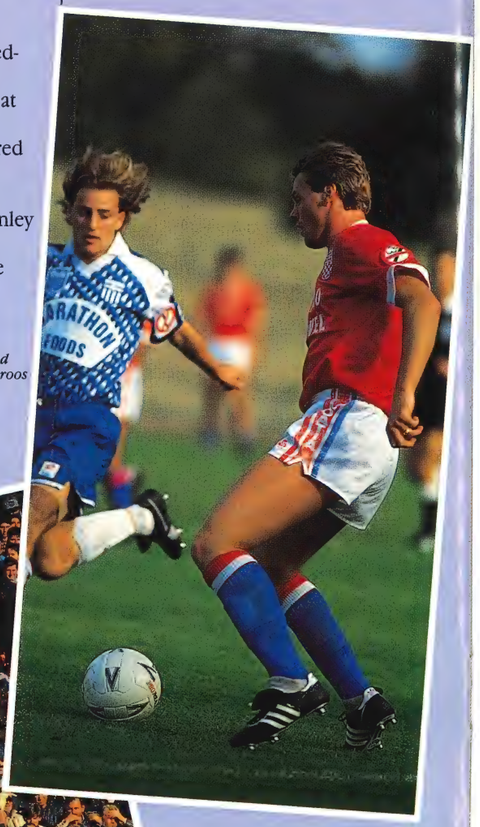
The largest crowd to watch a soccer match in Australia was 102,000 when Russia beat Yugoslavia by one goal to nil at the Melbourne Cricket Ground in the Final during the 1956 Olympic Games. Australia competed in those Games beating Japan by two goals to nil but losing to India by four goals to two.



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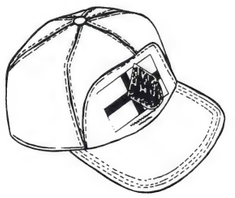

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Paul Wade

by Michael Cockerill of The Sydney Morning Herald

Paul Wade admits he often feels like an old man when he comes into camp with the Socceroos these days. But he is not complaining.

The 29-year-old South Melbourne Midfielder, born in England but Australian resident since he was 10 years old, is delighted to be providing the leadership for the national team as coach Eddie Thomson sets about the task of rebuilding his side in readiness for the next World Cup campaign in 1993. And Wade, revelling in the captain's role, is determined to last the distance.

"It may sound a bit corny, but getting the captaincy has given me a new lease of life," he says. "When you've been around the national team for a long while, like I have, then you can get a bit complacent. But now I've got a new challenge, and I'm loving every minute of it."

Ever the realist, however, Wade is well aware that he will only remain captain for as long as he can justify his place in the team. It is fair to say that he is still fighting for a spot, although his stirring performances during the internationals against Czechoslovakia and New Zealand earlier this year have gone a long way towards removing any lingering doubts Thomson may have had.

"He just keeps getting better," says an admiring Thomson. "Having the captaincy seems to have improved his game."

Wade, certainly, is thriving on his new-found responsibility. "When you get players coming up to you and asking what it was like to play against Brazil (in the Gold Cup tournament of 1988), you start to realise how young this squad really is," he says. "Obviously when a team is going through a rebuilding stage, as we are at the moment, then experience is important. Thommo is the boss, but out on the pitch it is up to me to get things going. I'm enjoying the responsibility, it's given me the extra incentive I need every time I go out and play."

Rising to the challenge is something Wade has made his trademark during a career which has yielded almost 40 caps and two championships in the National Soccer League. While he may not possess the natural gifts of peers such as Oscar Crino and Mike Petersen, Wade has concentrated on doing the basic things well, and of maintaining his momentum for the full 90 minutes while teammates have flagged under the strain.

It has proved an inspiring blend of simplicity and determination, and the new-look Socceroos have benefited as a result. In the tense, almost intimidating, atmosphere which is likely to accompany this match against England, Wade will face the ultimate test of his ability to lead the national team to international credibility, and he can hardly wait to prove his claims.

Thomson, certainly, is banking on Wade to pass the examination. With a combination of retirements and overseas transfers having robbed the socceroos of a key group of battle-hardened internationals, Wade is one of the few players left in the country with any degree of national team experience.

At a time when the Socceroos need a guiding influence to help them through these transitory times, Wade is the man who fits the bill. Thomson knows this, and only needs to see an accomplished performance against the English to finally make up his mind. On that basis, the odds are stacked in Wade's favour, meaning a new name will be joining the proudest dynasty in Australian soccer – the Socceroo captains.

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Eddie Thomson

by Michael Cockerill of The Sydney Morning Herald

It was only hours after the Socceroos had convincingly clinched the Southern Cross series against New Zealand when Eddie Thomson reclined in his Adelaide home to contemplate his most difficult assignment – the search for honour and credibility against England, the World Cup semi-finalists.

On paper, of course, the Socceroos look to have no hope against the English in tonight's one-off international at the Sydney Football Stadium. In the throes of a reconstruction program, shorn of his most potent attacker, Frank Farina, who has committments with his Belgian team Club Brugge, and confronted by an English team containing six of the players who figured in that memorable semi-final against the West Germans in Turin, Thomson accepts the common wisdom that there can only be one winner, and it will not be his Australians.

Yet Thomson, and his English rival Graham Taylor, remain well aware that football games, even at this level, are no longer won on paper. As the balance of power shifts away from the traditional European/South American axis to embrace the developing nations of football's Third World, there are no easy dates left on the international calendar. And while Australia may not yet have earned the right to be included among the challengers led by the rapidly improving Africans, tonight's match provides the perfect opportunity for the Socceroos to further their claims.

It is a chance that Thomson, educated in the ways of international football during his four-and-a-half years as Socceroo assistant to Frank Arok, does not want to let slip. After a difficult initiation into the top job with losses to South Korea and Czechoslovakia, Thomson broke through the barrier last month with two wins against old rivals New Zealand. But even before the celebrations had died down, Thomson, so restless for success, was planning his first surprise as national coach – a positive result against England.

"You know, I could go out there and stick nine men behind the ball, close down the space, and get the players to boot the ball into the stands at the first sign of any danger," he says. "That way I would be confident of getting a draw. But I'm not interested in that. If we get a draw, I want us to deserve it. I want us to have a real kick at the English, I want us to show the Australian public that we are a good team. We are going to be sensible about it, but we are not going to be afraid to try things. It is important for soccer that this is a good game."

Indeed, since Thomson took the reins from Arok midway through last year, he has made his priority to develop a more progressive, flexible system to help Australia earn respect on the international stage. If the surfeit of dour, colourless football at the last World Cup proved anything, it is that the public will no longer tolerate such dreary cynicism. FIFA have recognised this, and are actively working to encourage more entertaining, attacking football. Thomson has joined the spirit of the times by following the trend, insisting that his players look to be adventurous at all times.

Certainly for those who were concerned that Thomson, a former professional in his native Scotland with Aberdeen and Hearts, would force the traditional British approach upon the national team, have since discovered they have nothing to fear. At virtually every Socceroo training session, the emphasis is on quick, lively distribution from the back to help lay the platform for a modern, short-passing game. With the wide defenders also encouraged to get forward at every opportunity, the Socceroos are slowly graduating towards a distinctive Australian style of football – a marriage of the traditional qualities of strength, stamina and determination to the more pleasing subtleties of skill, technique and a great tactical awareness.

Above Left: *Eddie Thomson*
Above Right: *Les Scheinflug*

Thomson, appointed to lead the Socceroos to the next World Cup, is showing that he is prepared to meet the challenge of helping this evolution and getting results at the same time. Respected by his players, motivated by his new job, and well aware of the task that lies ahead of him, he is determined to mould the Australian team into a playing unit.

The Test offered by the English will give an insight into just how much progress Thomson has made. With the return of overseas-based players like Graham Arnold and Chris Karantzis giving the team the sort of look it is likely to have during the 1993 qualifying series, we shall learn what to expect from the side that Thomson is building. The portents, at this stage, are promising.

Above: *David Lowe in action*

Talent drain

by Les Murray

The bitter sweet condition which lies at the centre of Austrlia's soccer future – the drain of its talent overseas – will be in ample evidence as the Socceroos take on England today.

You will need to look no further than the Sydney Football Stadium pitch for it. Tony Dorigo will probably be there in an England shirt and you may be able to spot a couple in the Australian line-up who've been re-conscripted, just for this game, from wealthy overseas clubs.

Bitter sweet because there's both an up side and down side to Australia's increasingly prolific expatriation of soccer talent.

A down side is that, many would say, Tony Dorigo should be playing for Australia, not England. And that the likes of Arnold and Kalantzis, who did make themselves available for this game many weeks ago, should be here not just to play England but New Zealand, South Korea and Fiji as well.

The up side is that Arnold and Kalantzis come back as better players and that all of them, including Dorigo, stand as examples to the truth that through soccer Australian sportsmen can become rich and famous as they cannot through most other sports.

Below: *Gray, Ivanovic, Tobin and Vidmar celebrate victory*

Top: *Alex Tobin*
Above: *Aurelio Vidmar celebrates a goal*

Today almost 30 Australians are based overseas, contracted as full-time professionals to, mostly, European clubs. Not all, of course, would be first choice selections by Socceroo coach Eddie Thomson. Many are mere apprentices with lower division clubs. Many have never played for Australia at even junior level and have names which won't ring a bell with anybody except their parents.

But others, like Belgium based pin-up boy Frank Farina, are prime targets for selection and their absence leaves gaping holes in Australia's chances of accomplishing real aims, such as World Cup qualification. Farina, like many before him, said no to Thomson months ago because of a pending big money move from his Belgian club FC Brugge to Italy.

Of course the seeking of fame and fortune overseas is not new to Australian soccer players. Joe Marston played for Preston North End in an English FA Cup final 37 years ago. And the most celebrated of our emigrants, Craig Johnston, went to England as an un-backed, un-invited teenage fortune seeker in 1976.

But while the absence of the occasional Marston or Johnston had no profound effect on Australian soccer, the enormous acceleration of soccer emigration in the late 80s already has. At the climactic stages of Australia's last attempt to qualify for the World Cup, four first choice selections – Charlie Yankos, Eddie Krncevic, Frank Farina and David Mitchell – were earning their keep in Europe.

They did return for the big games but, because the games were not being played out of the European league season, only at hours' notice. The inability to blend them into the Australian playing pattern probably cost the Socceroos a place in Italia'90.

It will get worse. A number of talented Aussies are not lining up against England today because they are away earning big off-season dollars in the Malaysian league. And in just a fortnight, Australia's most talented teenagers will compete in the World Youth Championship in Portugal, fully exposed to the wide net cast by the world's most eager talent scouts.

Wholesale emigration is, of course, not unique to Australia. Others, in particular the South American nations, suffer from it too. But in those places domestic soccer is fully professional and there are sufficient rewards at home to ensure regular replenishment for players who have flown abroad.

Not so in Australia where the drain of talent can neither be replenished nor stopped. A recent survey of the entire squad of Young Socceroos heading for Portugal demonstrated this point. Asked to name their chief ambition, every player's anwer was the same: "To play overseas".

And while seeing a Craig Johnston in a Liverpool shirt or a Frank Farina earning a million dollars a season in Italy will tickle our patriotic fancy, such things are of no ultimate use to Australia unless the talents of those players can be regularly harnessed in a green and gold shirt.

Tony Dorigo will indeed be wearing the wrong colour shirt. But Australian soccer's long term goals will remain far from being achieved until such time as the next Tony Dorigo will want to play for Australia, not England.

England 1990-1991

by Colin Malam, Sunday Telegraph, London

England come to Australia a team in transition. The side that reached the semi-finals of the 1990 World Cup is in the process of being remodelled by Graham Taylor, the man who replaced Bobby Robson as manager following the national squad's return from Italy last summer.

The four-match tour of Australia, New Zealand and Malaysia was always intended to be an important part of the transitional period. All season, the new manager has been looking forward to the opportunity it provided to experiment with new players and new formations.

Although some of the bigger names are missing, enough of the regular squad were released by their clubs to provide a solid framework for the introduction of the newcomers, Tony Coton (Manchester City), Gary Charles (Nottingham Forest), Keith Curle (Wimbledon), John Salako (Crystal Palace), David Batty (Leeds) and Mark Walters (Glasgow Rangers).

"Evolution, not revolution" has been Taylor's motto from the start. So, he began his reign by keeping faith with most of the players who had captivated their country, and stirred new interest in the domestic game, by going so close to winning the World Cup.

In each of the first two matches, against Hungary and Poland, England's new manager fielded 10 of Bobby Robson's World Cup squad and won 1-0 and 2-0. The single newcomer was Arsenal's Lee Dixon, who replaced Gary Stevens, of Glasgow Rangers, at right back.

The first significant change Taylor made was to leave Paul Gascoigne, the nation's idol after Italia'90, out of the European Championship qualifying match against the Republic of Ireland in Dublin last November. He replaced him with Gordan Cowans, from his old club, Aston Villa.

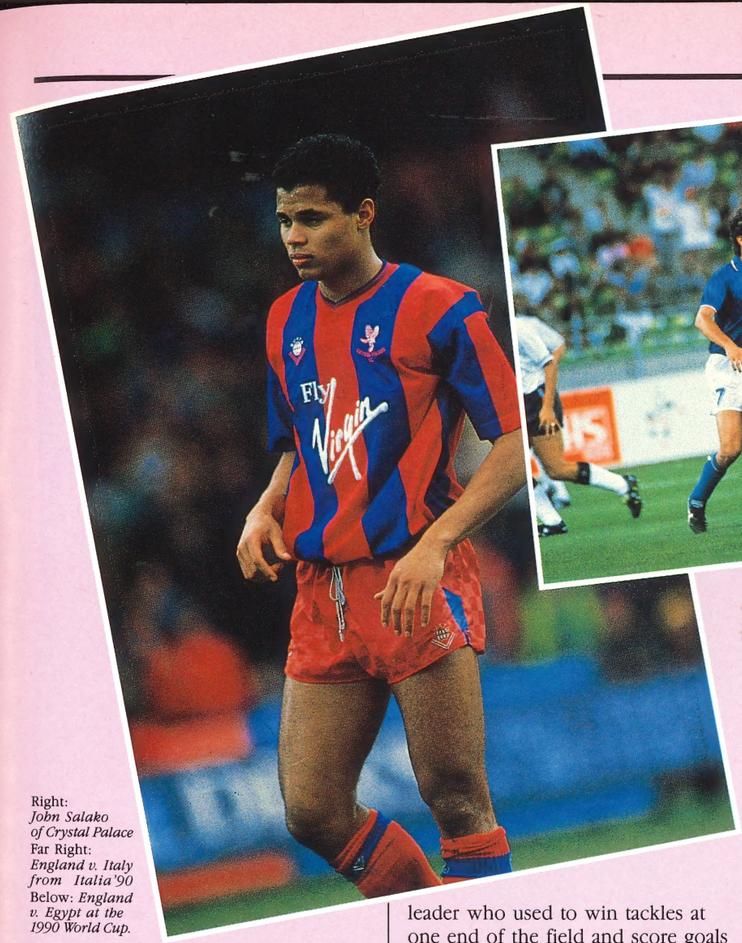
Taylor defended that controversial decision by saying he picked teams to suit particular matches, but never really explained why he had chosen not to use Gascoigne's remarkable creative ability. In the event, England got what turned out to be a useful 1-1 draw with a goal from David Platt.

By the time England went to Dublin, serious injury had claimed Queens Park Rangers' Paul Parker, one of the three quick, gifted defenders who had enabled England to introduce a sweeper system successfully during the World Cup finals.

The vacancy was filled by Arsenal captain Tony Adams, but the three-man defence looked uneasy against the Republic's calculated aerial bombardment and was abandoned for England's next international, an ill-fated friendly against Cameroon at Wembley.

Things began to go wrong from the moment the African stars of Italia'90 arrived in London. They claimed they had not been welcomed with the proper warmth or respect, and Roger Milla, their outstanding

Below: *Dennis Wise – 1990/91 addition to the England squad, who justified his selection by scoring the only goal for England against Turkey in Izmir last month*



Right: *John Salako of Crystal Palace*
Far Right: *England v. Italy from Italia'90*
Below: *England v. Egypt at the 1990 World Cup.*

veteran striker, eventually refused to play because he could not get the special fee he wanted.

So, devalued before it started, the attempt to repeat that thrilling 1990 World Cup quarter-final proved a severe disappointment to a big, expectant Wembley crowd. On a cold February night, Cameroon were not much interested in attacking and England's 2-0 victory was a little hollow.

That game saw the return, against all the odds, of Bryan Robson, England's captain and inspiration for so many years. Invalided home from the World Cup finals with a badly-damaged achilles tendon, the veteran Manchester United midfielder had been written off as an international footballer.

Determination is his middle name, however, and he simply refused to accept that he could not recapture full fitness. Ironically, injuries to other players gave Robson his chance, and Taylor recalled him to play against Cameroon and in the return against the Republic of Ireland, another 1-1 draw.

It was, though, a classic case of the spirit being willing but the flesh weak. Against the fit, combative Irish in particular, Robson was shown to be only a shadow of the dynamic leader who used to win tackles at one end of the field and score goals at the other.

It came as no surprise, therefore, when Robson proved to be one of the casualties of what might be called Taylor's first purge. After a five-match look at his inheritance, Taylor took out his axe for the sixth, a European Championship qualifying game in Turkey on May Day.

Robson was left out, along with three other World Cup players, Chris Waddle, Peter Beardsley and Steve Bull. Others went, too, but it was the omission of Waddle, by now the star of Marseille's run to the final of the European Cup, that caused the biggest outcry by far.

Waddle and Beardsley are both 30 and Robson 34. Taylor clearly had them in mind, then, when he argued that he had to be thinking ahead to the 1994 World Cup as well as trying to qualify for the finals of the 1992 European Championships.

In the eyes of some, the England manager compounded his error by bringing in Chelsea winger Dennis Wise for Waddle. Taylor insisted that Wise was, in fact, a replacement for the injured Trevor Steven, and had the last laugh when the uncapped newcomer scored the only goal of the game in Turkey.

Coming on the same day that the Republic of Ireland were held to a draw at home by Poland, England's victory in Izmir left them top of qualifying Group Seven and in control of events with two games, at home to Turkey and away to Poland, remaining next season.

Quo Vadis – Where Next?

by Johnny Warren

Alex Tobin

Tonight Australia continue with their build up to the World Cup as they play the Italian 1990 semi-finalists, England, in the first of many steps to the building of a Socceroo side capable of qualifying for the 1994 World Cup in the USA.

The Socceroos have been relatively dormant since their early exit from the 1990 World Cup qualifications. Eight matches in the past twelve months - 2 matches each against Hajduk Split (Yugoslavia), South Korea, Czechoslovakia, and recently New Zealand, have not given Eddie Thompson enough match practice to mould his new Socceroos into a formidable team.

We must also realise the team building problems due to the difficulty of bringing strong opponents to a rather isolated Australia, and also the difficulty of sending our national team to the various areas of Asia, Europe or the Americas to gain good experience.

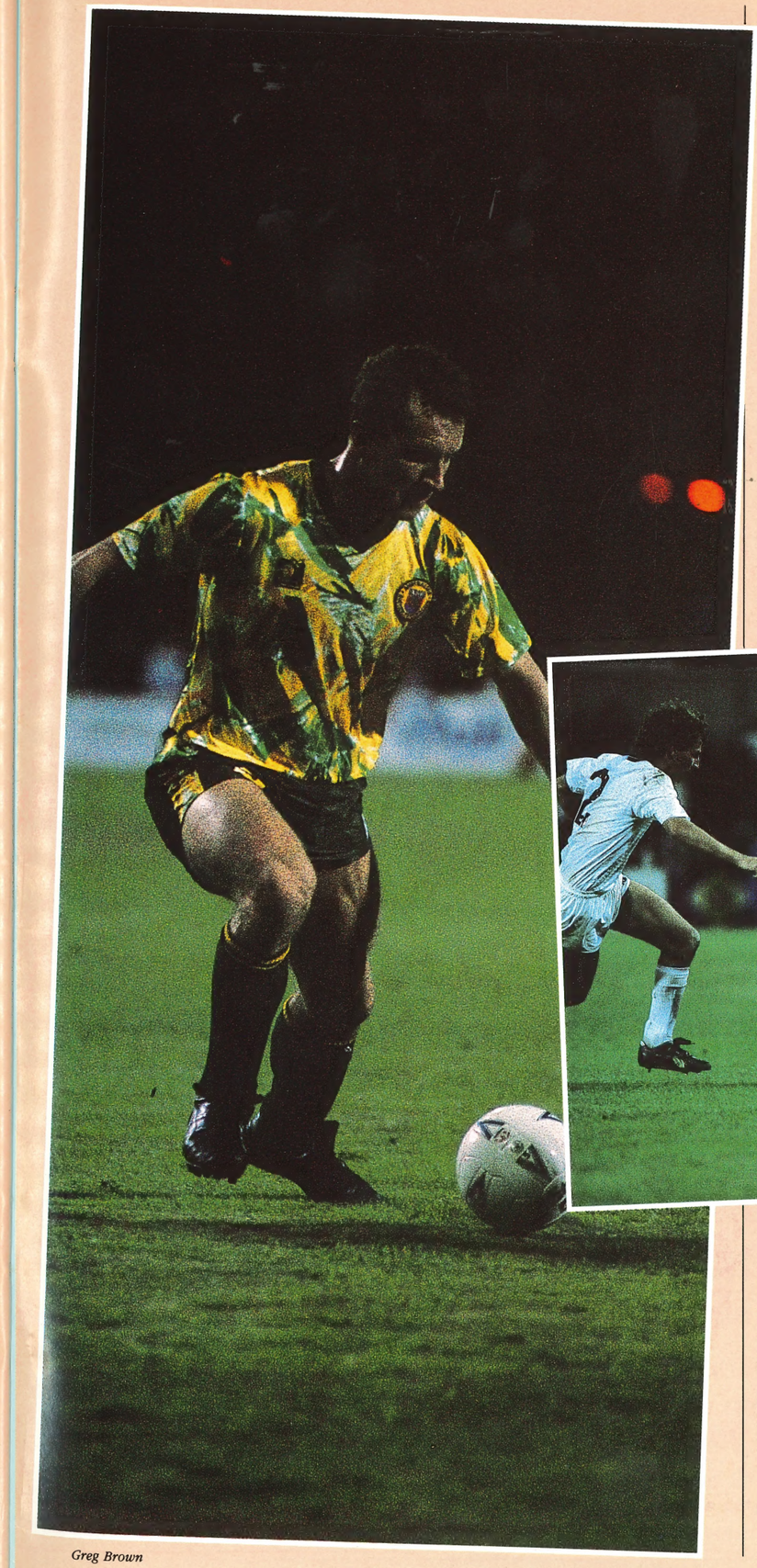
Given these uniquely limiting factors which face the Socceroos in their quest to qualify for the World Cup, it is interesting to note how hard they have to prepare for their objective. The road to qualify is a mammoth globe-trotting exercise and requires the following:

* Win the Oceania Group
* Win the home/away play-off with the second qualifier from Central and North America. This opponent is likely to be Costa Rica, Canada or Trinidad & Tobago as the USA will automatically qualify as host country and Mexico will probably be the first qualifier of this group.
* Win the home/away play-off with the fourth South American qualifier. Traditionally, the 'big three' – Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay – are favoured to fill the top three spots, meaning that the fourth qualifier could be Colombia, Paraguay or Chile.

To prepare the Socceroos for the daunting task ahead, Eddie Thomson, ideally, needs a host of things, among them matches against quality opponents. Preferably these should be in a tournament form – the format for World Cup qualifiers. On the surface, one-off friendly matches and tournament matches may appear the same thing, but in fact there is a huge difference in a one-off effort and playing consistently well throughout a tournament, where the team's average performance is what counts.

Since we shall be competing against Central and South American teams, it is vital that we organise matches with these countries during the coming 18 months. In the meantime, the Socceroos will soon fly to South Korea to take part in the President's Cup, in which they will play against the national teams of Egypt, Malta, the USA, Indonesia and Korea. While this is an excellent preparation, there is no doubt that Eddie Thompson will be looking forward to organising matches against Central and South American teams very shortly.

However, the Socceroos are on the way, and the new management of Eddie Thompson and Les Scheinflug have experienced two victories against New Zealand which will certainly boost their confidence, and make them proceed to even greater things. It augurs well for the Australian soccer throughout that we have now under the same jurisdiction teams which are being moulded and getting better each day in various categories like the Olympics, the Under 20's and the juniors. The National Youth teams, the young Socceroos Under 20's and the Joeys Under 17, have met with marvellous success in recent international tournaments and they provide very entertaining football for their growing crowds. The U-20's have already secured a place in the 1991 FIFA/Coca Cola World Youth Championship, which will be held in Portugal this month. We are proud that the next edition of this tournament will be held in Australia in 1993.



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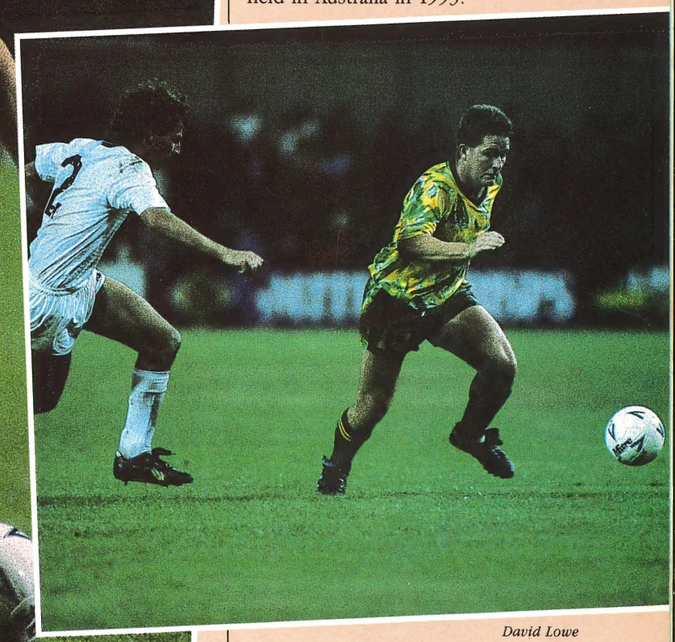
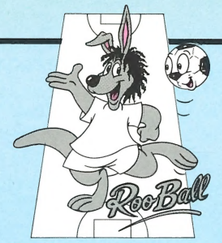


David Lowe

The Australian Olympic team has already started its campaign towards Barcelona. We wish them every luck in the venture. The A.S.F. is delighted with their performance and also, at an even younger level, delighted with the progress made in Roo-ball and other junior soccer teams. Another source of pride for Australia is its women's soccer team, which is steadily progressing and developing.

These are very exciting times for Australian soccer. We can only look forward to the 21st century with optimism.



Why Play Roo-Ball?

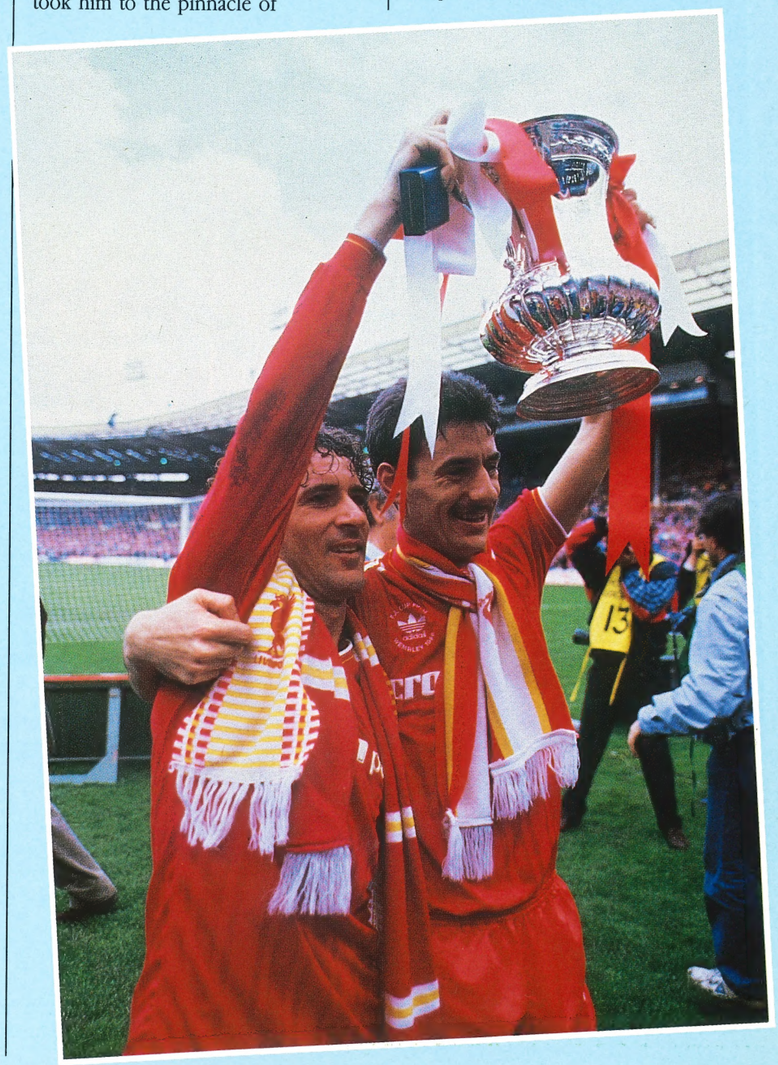
Australia basked in the reflected glory when Australian Craig Johnston, with the great English club Liverpool, were the winners of the League and F.A. Cup Double. As he collected League medals, Milk Cup medals, Charity Shield medals, European Championships Winner medals, one could only appreciate what he had achieved, which even surpassed the feats of the great Joe Marston after the War.

This, however, does not give a true picture of either the man or what he hopes to achieve. Among many things, he has three very important traits which govern the code of his approach both to his life and sport. First and foremost, he is an Australian, and although it was as a representative of UNICEF raising funds for Africa that he visited Australia with the F.A. Cup, it was yet for him a chance to bring to Australia some of the euphoria of Soccer at its best in the hope that it would instil further development. Not necessarily in the right order, but his next is soccer, a game which he believes has all the attributes, not only for competition but more importantly for enjoyment because out of it he believes there will come excellence and even more enjoyment.

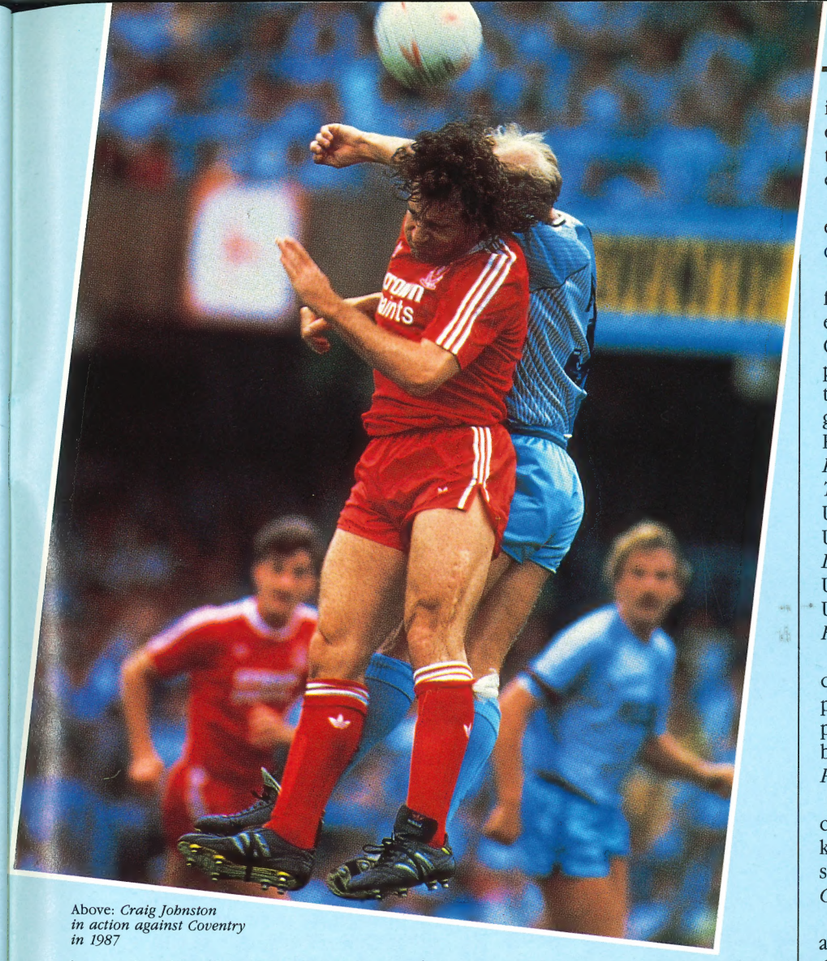
Lastly, Johnson has a great love of children, especially Australian children who play soccer. He will go to any length to help those children gain the enjoyment that he feels has been denied to them to this date. In his travels round the world, he has seen children of all ages constantly with a ball at the foot, and if not a ball, a tin can but practising their skills and gaining the touches which help them proceed along the ladder to even greater fame. In fact, he jokingly says, while really being quite serious, that if one could take away the children's toys of surfboards and bikes, and leave them with a football at their toes, soccer in Australia would increase by an unaccountable percentage. Craig's maxim is that a ball is an inate object that makes no mistakes, and it is only the player who makes mistakes, and therefore the greater the practice with the ball at the toe, the greater the efficiency will flow.

If all this is correct, then how did Craig Johnson himself succeed to such an extent? His answer to that is quite simple: that he organised games for himself to improve his concentration and give him even greater practice, greater skills and greater enjoyment. Out of these lessons which he learned and which took him to the pinnacle of international soccer, he devised a game called Roo-Ball. He in turn presented it to the Australian Soccer Federation, which they quite rightly applauded. The object is quite simple: it is to do for other children what he did for himself, and that was to make the soccer ball his best friend.

Roo ball is designed to give every young player as many opportunities to kick a soccer ball as possible, while at the same time gaining the social skills from playing in a team. Young children who want to play soccer want to enjoy it. They don't want to be running around without getting to the ball. A game of Roo-Ball, while still competitive to score goals, gives everybody a chance of participating. At the level at which it is played, one is not looking for fitness or major tactics, but for smiles, laughter and enjoyment and even if one can't do it very well, one has such a lot of fun. Roo-Ball is played on a 'friendly' basis with no points, tables or trophies, therefore there is not undue parental influence or pressure. In actual fact, the parents are encouraged to enjoy it within the philosophy. To Craig Johnson, Roo-Ball is a philosophy – it's a code – it is everything that is needed to start the development of soccer consciousness in Australia, whether it be as a player or an educated spectator. It is an opportunity for players to progress from this early stage of Roo-Ball into the various selected Club and State sides and Craig Johnston looks forward to the day when teams of U-14 players will have the ability and the concentration to meet on the field boys of a similar age from the great British clubs like Arsenal, Manchester United, Liverpool and Glasgow Rangers.



Below: *Craig Johnston with the FA Cup after Liverpool beat Everton 3-1 in 1986*



Above: *Craig Johnston in action against Coventry in 1987*

A demonstration will be given tonight. To enable you to better understand it, we mention some of the rules of Roo-Soccer:

How many are there in a Roo-Ball team?
Under 8 = Six players including a goalkeeper
Under 10 = Nine players including a goalkeeper

Each team can have up to 3 interchange players. Interchanging is encouraged to give everybody equal time and a chance for a supportive coach to help a young player.

It is encouraged that teams are either divided into equal age groups of skill groups and if necessary size.

The aim of Roo Ball is to have a fair game where everyone gets an equal share of kicking the ball. Coaches are encouraged to rotate players so they don't think of themselves as defenders or goalkeepers but as Soccer Roo-Ball Players.

Roo-Ball Rules
The Ball
Under 8 = A size 3
Under 10 = A size 4
Duration of the Game
Under 8 = 2 x 15 mins
Under 10 = 2 x 25 mins
Free kicks

All free kicks are indirect (a goal cannot be scored unless another player touches it). All opposing players must be at least 6m from the ball.

Penalties

Penalties are given for fouls committed in the semi-circle. The kick is taken from the edge of the semi-circle at the centre.

Goal kicks

Goal kicks are taken from anywhere in the semi circle.

Corners

Corners are taken as in a senior game with the opposition being 6m from the ball.

Throw ins

As this is often a difficult skill for a young player to learn, the referee must allow a young player at least 2 attempts to throw the ball in and if necessary show them the correct method.

Lastly, we point out that Craig Johnston has travelled the length and breadth of Australia introducing this concept so it is not something isolated or parochial but is for the good of Australian soccer wherever it is played. He is here tonight.

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Graham Taylor — *Manager England*

Graham Taylor was appointed as England Team Manager in July 1990 with responsibility for the Under 21, 'B' Team and Senior England Team.

He was born at Worksop, Nottingham Shire, on 15th September, 1944 and comenced his professional playing career as a fullback with Grimsby Town in 1963. He made 189 appearances before leaving in 1968 to go to Lincoln City where he made 150 appearances before a hip injury prematurely caused him to retire. However, he became Manager of Lincoln City in December 1972 and remained with them until June 1977 having helped them gain promotion from the Fourth to the Third Division.

In June 1977 he became Manager of Watford and during his ten-year reign there took them from the Fourth to the First Division in five seasons then Championship runners-up and F.A. Cup Runners-up in successive years.

In May 1987 he left Watford to join Aston Villa and remained there for three years helping them gain promotion first of all from the Second Division to the First Division, and then in 1990 being the runners-up to Liverpool, and therefore qualifying for the U.E.F.A. Cup.

Prior to becoming England's Manager, Graham Taylor who, at 20, had become the youngest fully-qualified F.A. Coach, managed and coached the England Youth and 'B' teams on numerous occasions.

His results since taking over as Manager of England are as follows:

1. versus Hungary 1–0 (Lineker)
2. versus Poland 2–0 (Lineker, Beardsley)
3. versus Repulic of Ireland 1–1 (Platt)
4. versus Cameroon 2–0 (Lineker 2)
5. versus Republic of Ireland 1–1 (Dixon)
6. versus Turkey 1–0 (Wise)
7. versus U.S.S.R. 3–1 (Platt 2, Smith)
8. versus Argentina 2-2 (Lineker, Platt)

Lawrie McMenemey

— Assistant Manager England

Lawrie McMenemey joined Graham Taylor when he took over as Manager of England. Lawrie's duties are basically to oversee the England 'B' and Under 21 teams, as well as assisting Graham Taylor with the Senior team.

Lawrie McMenemey was a player with Newcastle United and Gateshead, prior to becoming Manager of Doncaster Rovers in 1968 where he remained until 1971 before going for a two-year stint at Grimsby Town.

He then went to Southampton where he was a much-revered manager for many years and it was after he left that club to take up a career with the media that he was appointed to his current position.

With Graham Taylor and Lawrie McMenemey England now have a wealth of experience in their preparation for the next World Cup.

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God save our gracious Queen;
Long live our noble Queen
God save the Queen.
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us.
God save the Queen.

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Australians all let us rejoice,
for we are young and free;
We've golden soil and wealth for toil;
Our home is girt by sea;
Our land abounds in nature's gifts
Of beauty rich and rare;
In history's page, let every stage
Advance Australia Fair.
In joyful strains then let us sing,
Advance Australia Fair.

Beneath our radiant Southern Cross
We'll toil with hearts and hands;
To make this Commonwealth of ours
Renowned of all the lands;
For those who've come across the seas
We've boundless plains to share;
With courage let us all combine
To Advance Australia Fair.
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